

ASKS ENGLAND WHY U. S. SHIP WAS CAPTURED

Secretary Lansing Takes First Step Toward Forwarding Sharp Protest.

THOUGHT TO BE UNJUSTIFIED

Officials View Taking of Vessel Between American Ports As Question of Bona Fides.

Secretary of State Lansing is sending today to the British government through Ambassador Page, an inquiry as to the reason for the seizure of the American ship Hocking taken by a British warship and sent to Halifax with a prize crew aboard.

All the indications are this is preliminary to a sharp protest to London.

It is believed by officials that Great Britain questions the bona fides of the transfer of the vessel to American ownership and American registry. This belief is based solely on the report from Consul Young at Halifax.

Telegram of Protest.

The Secretary has received a telegram of protest against the seizure from President Richard G. Wagner of the American Transatlantic Steamship Company. In this telegram Mr. Wagner says the Hocking was sailing in ballast to Norfolk to load coal for Argentina under charter to W. R. Gray & Co., that he knows of no cause for seizure.

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NEW MAIL SERVICE FOR OXON DISTRICT

Fourth Assistant Postmaster Giving Personal Attention to Problem.

To give a mail service in the Oxon Hill district of Maryland, and in the southeastern District of Columbia, as well as in the Potomac, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blakeslee is giving his personal attention to the problem.

Following closely upon the straightening out of the service in these districts, Mr. Blakeslee announced that a new route from Anacostia to Leonardtown, a distance of forty-seven miles, with a twenty-seven-mile branch route, is to be established in the near future, giving Washington direct mail communication with this fertile marketing territory.

Heretofore communication with southern Maryland has been by way of Baltimore, and Washington merchants were at a disadvantage. The new route will make mail communication easy and rapid with deliveries each day. In addition they will have the effect of lowering the parcel post rate to 30 cents for fifty pounds, instead of 54 cents for fifty pounds. Bids for carrying the mails on this route were asked two weeks ago.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blakeslee is personally interested in the rural service from Anacostia. He is anxious not only to meet all complaints from patrons of the present routes, which have been consolidated with a motor service, but intends to make the service in Washington a suburban service, a model one for the rest of the country.

Service on the routes from Anacostia, which has been the source of vigorous complaint, is being straightened out, it is declared with the education of the contract carriers.

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St. Andrew Brotherhood Will Have Mass Meeting

The executive committee of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has arranged a mass meeting for men this evening at 8 o'clock at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church.

At the recent fall meeting of the brotherhood held at St. Stephen's Church, Canon W. L. De Vries, of the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, delivered the principal address.

Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Frank A. Birge; vice president, Dr. Charles Dodd; chaplain, Rev. William E. Callender; secretary and treasurer, A. H. Graah.

WAR AND NAVY LIST ANNOUNCES SHIFTS

Changes in Classified Service Effective November 1 Are Made Public.

Numerous changes in the classified service of the War Department, effective November 1, were announced today. The following is the list of appointments, promotions, and resignations:

Appointments.
Office of the Secretary of War—Christopher C. Lathers, assistant messenger at \$600. The assistant general's office—Karl F. Blue, clerk at \$1,000. Office of the chief of engineers—John R. Dille, clerk at \$900; James P. Ryder, clerk at \$900. Office of the chief of ordnance—Raymond D. Clegg, apprentice draftsman at \$300; Wolcott E. Spofford, apprentice draftsman at \$500. Bureau of Insular Affairs—Earl E. Packard, clerk at \$1,000. Office of the chief of staff—Ralph W. Tripp, clerk at \$1,000.

Promotions.
Office of the Secretary of War—John A. Brown, messenger, from \$500 to \$600. The assistant general's office—Orion D. Moser, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,100; Jacques L. Spiegelblatt, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,100; Herbert C. Landolt, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,100. Office of the Quartermaster General—Roy L. Dally, clerk, from \$900 to \$1,000; Edward E. Silvers, clerk, from \$900 to \$1,000. Office of the chief of ordnance—Thomas A. Coulton, assistant draftsman, from \$300 to \$400; J. Leroy Delaney, assistant draftsman, from \$300 to \$400. Office of the chief of engineers—Lester W. Packard, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,100; Gerald J. Keenan, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,100. Office of the chief of staff—Herbert F. Statler, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,100; Charles E. Phelps, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,100; Nannie C. Hardollar, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,100; Charles N. Murray, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,100.

Resignations.
The assistant general's office—John Facabbi, clerk, at \$1,000. Office of the Quartermaster General—John H. Lyons, clerk, at \$1,000. Office of the chief of engineers—Edward F. Moriarty, clerk, at \$1,000. Office of the chief of ordnance—William A. Kraft, draftsman, at \$300. Bureau of Insular Affairs—Joseph P. James, clerk, at \$1,000. Office of the chief of staff—John G. Urquhart, clerk, at \$1,000.

Navy Department.
The changes in the Navy Department are as follows:
Appointments—Bureau of Navigation—Emile E. Wagner, copyist at \$340 per annum; Donald C. Healey, copyist at \$340 per annum. Bureau of Construction and Repair—Louis Trenn, copyist at \$300 per annum; by reinstatement, feeder at \$300 per annum; Andrew M. Thomas, by reinstatement, helper at \$150 per annum. Bureau of Supplies and Accounts—Miss Stella Whitford, copyist at \$340 per annum; Walter C. Bradford, clerk at \$300 per annum. Bureau of Ordnance—G. Harper Bell, by reinstatement, copyist at \$300 per annum.

Promotions.
Bureau of Navigation—James T. Scully, from copyist at \$340 to copyist at \$380. Bureau of Supplies and Accounts—A. Boyd Custer, from clerk at \$1,100 to clerk at \$1,200; Archie D. Sartwell, from clerk at \$1,000 to clerk at \$1,100; Fred N. Julian, from clerk at \$1,000 to clerk at \$1,100; Arthur Holland, from copyist at \$300 to clerk at \$340; Philip S. Hoffman, from clerk at \$1,000 to clerk at \$1,100; Walter D. Sullivan, from clerk at \$1,000 to clerk at \$1,100. Bureau of Steam Engineering—Harold M. Adams, from draftsman at \$1,400 per annum to marine engineer and boiler draftsman at \$5,000 per annum; John H. Schombert, from assistant draftsman at \$1,200 to draftsman at \$1,400.

Transfers and Promotions.
David C. Johnson, from laborer at \$200, Bureau of Steam Engineering, to laborer at \$200, Bureau of Navigation; Omar J. Whaley, from helper at \$400, Hydrographic Office, to laborer at \$200, Bureau of Steam Engineering; Robert Brown, from messenger at \$500, Office of the Solicitor, to laborer at \$200, Secretary's Office; Peter H. Rothman, from laborer at \$200, Solicitor's Office, to messenger at \$200, Solicitor's Office.

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Bureau of Supplies and Accounts—Louis Rattine, clerk at \$1,100; Harry Malcolm, clerk at \$1,000; James E. Byrne, clerk at \$900. Bureau of Ordnance—John M. Masterson, copyist at \$300.

VILLA BEATEN, FALLS BACK FROM BORDER

Men Disheartened By Lack of Food, and Army Begins to Disintegrate.

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United States troops went out early today to locate the snipers on American soil, but failed to find them.

The assault early today followed two hours of artillery preparation by Villa, during which visible havoc was wrought in Agua Prieta. Against his 15,000 troops, General Calles has only about 7,000, it is estimated.

Among the wounded Americans Corporal Jones, of Company C, was shot through both thighs when a Carranza soldier fired six times point blank. His condition is not serious.

Louis Taylor, a waiter, was critically wounded by a bullet which hit him in the spine paralyzing him. Taylor was running for shelter when shot. Machine gun bullets narrowly missed Mexican women and children refugees crossing over into Douglas for safety.

An American letter carrier standing in front of his home was wounded. Mexican refugees suffered severely from the cold in the exposed internment camp just outside of Douglas. Better arrangements for the aged and the women and children are to be provided today.

To Repair Raider.
The State Department has consented to the repair of the interned German raider Kronprinz Friedrich Wilhelm. Officials stated the German government sounded out the department before entering the drydock with the raider. The internment orders remain in effect until the end of the war but in the meantime the vessel will be put in first-class shape for service.

Twenty Barely Escape.
BOSTON, Nov. 2.—Twenty men, fifteen of whom were at first thought to have been lost, had narrow escapes.

14 KILLED, 24 HURT, TODAY'S FIRE TOLL

Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed Along Atlantic Coast.

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than thirty families homeless into the street. Police and firemen are searching the ruins in an effort to determine definitely whether others perished. All the dead were suffocated.

One family of six was entirely wiped out. Three women, four children and six men comprise the death toll.

The police at first believed the fire started from an oil lamp, but later declared they believed the tenants were set afire from motives of revenge. "Apparently of incendiary origin," was the entry made on the police blotter.

Police reserves fought their way through the crowds that poured from neighboring tenements to get to the buildings. Panic-stricken women and children swarmed about the burning tenement, hindering the work of firemen and would-be rescuers.

All of the bodies were found in the hallways, and near windows, where, it is supposed, they had attempted to rush when the first wave of stifling smoke swept through the corridors.

Firemen had the blaze in control within an hour. Panic drew a body after body was dragged from the smoldering building and laid out on the pavements while surgeons worked desperately with palmators.

Shrieking women and children, fearing relatives had perished, fought to get near the bodies. A hurry call was sent in for the reserves, but it was long before they could restore a semblance of order.

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when a general alarm fire destroyed the Cochran Manufacturing Company's dyeing and printing works in Malden today, with a loss estimated at \$25,000.

The fire enveloped the building so quickly that fifteen men, working on the second floor, were for a time trapped. They were forced to crawl along the floor to the windows, from which they jumped, half suffocated, to safety.

A general alarm, summoning all Malden apparatus, was the jump made from the single alarm when the chief arrived.

The fire originated in the rear of the building, near where a quantity of naphtha was stored and spread so rapidly that the men in the place barely succeeded in getting clear of the flames.

Several firemen were severely burned in making heroic efforts to gain entrance to the burning building to rescue the men believed in it.

Several explosions of naphtha threatened to spread the fire to other buildings in the neighborhood and all windows in the State armory next door were broken by the heat.

Orphanage Burns.
HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 2.—One hundred and ten orphan girls, and one teacher, fled in panic to safety today when fire gutted the Roman Catholic Sylvan Heights Home, here.

AS WE GROW OLDER
our minds are quite as active as in former years but our strength does not respond when we need it most; perhaps the kidneys are weak, the liver torpid, rheumatic pains or stiffened joints beset us, and we cannot easily throw off the colds that winter brings.

What we need is the rich cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion to renew the blood and carry strength to every organ of the body, while its glycerine soothes the respiratory tract, and its hypophosphites strengthen the excitable nerves.

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LAST YEAR we were operating thirty-four stores; TODAY we have fifty-four, and next week we open our Branch No. 55. Just a slight indication of the satisfaction our stores are giving the Washington public.

We welcome an inspection of our stores, merchandise, and prices. Such an inspection will quickly convince you of the desirability of purchasing your grocery supplies of us.

EVERY ITEM GUARANTEED TO BE SATISFACTORY TO YOU, or your money will be cheerfully refunded.

White Potatoes, Per Peck.....	22c	Peerless Milk, 5c size, 3 cans for.....	10c	PURE LARD, lb.....	12c
Do You Want Something Very Fine. Then Try		Peerless Milk, 10c size, per can.....	7c	In the convenient one-pound cartons.	
Jockey Club		Regina Peaches, can.....	10c	Chili Con Carne	
Peas, per can.....	15c	Schrivers Blue Ridge Corn, per can.....	6c	Van Camp's Brand.....	7 1/2c
The Greatest Laundry Aid Yet Offered		Silver Label Peas, can.....	7c	COOKING APPLES, peck.....	23c
La France Laundry		Express Salmon, can.....	7c	Grimes' Golden Apples, peck.....	40c
Tablets, pkg.....	4c	Shrimp, per can.....	7 1/2c	Red Clover Peas, No. 1 can.....	12 1/2c
Seeded Raisins, pkg.....	10c	Wine buyers will lay in good supplies of the above.		Red Clover Peas, No. 2 can.....	20c
Citron, lb.....	19c	Florodora Frosted Cakes		Std. No. 3 size Tomatoes, can.....	7 1/2c
Figs, pkg.....	9c	Special this sale, per lb.....	12c	Trusty Friend Tomatoes.....	5c
Dromedary Dates, pkg.....	9c	Log Cabin Syrup—trial size.....	9c	Gold Medal Pancake.....	8c
Snap Peaches, lb.....	6c	Log Cabin Syrup, pint can.....	22c	Gold Medal Buckwheat.....	8c
Choice Peaches, lb.....	10c	Log Cabin Syrup, quart can.....	39c	Aunt Jimma Pancake.....	9c
Del Monte Asparagus.....	19c	Eagle Brand Milk, can.....	12 1/2c	Aunt Jimma Buckwheat.....	9c
Banquet Asparagus.....	17 1/2c	Fancy Cornmeal, one peck.....	28c	Sanitary Oats.....	7 1/2c
Asparagus, round can.....	10c	Fels-Naptha Soap, cake.....	4c	Quaker Oats.....	8c
Cut Stringless Beans, can.....	8c	Star Soap, cake.....	4c	Quaker Hominy Grits.....	9c
Ex. Std. Stringless Beans, can.....	10c	Lenox Soap, cake.....	3c	Quaker Hominy Grits.....	20c
At Very Small Stringless Beans, can.....	18c	White Naptha Soap, cake.....	4c	Golden Egg Macaroni.....	8c
Chili Con Carne, can.....	7 1/2c	Walter Baker's Cocoa, half lb. can.....	17c	Golden Egg Spaghetti.....	8c
Paris Sugar Corn.....	12 1/2c	Walter Baker's Cocoa, one-fifth lb. can.....	8c	Golden Egg Noodles.....	4c
Sauerkraut, can.....	8c	24 Sheets Waxed Paper for.....	3c		
Spinach.....	9c	Blue Label Catsup, pint.....	13c		
		Blue Label Catsup, quart.....	20c		
		Blue Label Chili Sauce.....	24c		

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Pride of Montgomery pleases everybody.

6-lb. bag..... 20c

12-lb. bag..... 39c

24-lb. bag..... 75c

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Says Woman's Beauty Depends Upon Health

Health and Vigor Necessitate Regulation of Organs of Elimination.

Skin foods and face creams and powders cannot make a woman beautiful, because beauty lies deeper than that—it depends on health. In most cases the basis of health and the cause of sickness can be traced to the action of the bowels.

The headache, the lassitude, the sallow skin, and the lusterless eyes are usually caused by constipation. An ideal remedy for women, and one that is equally suited to